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SUBJECT: AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS: PUSHTUNISTAN

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR FIRST POLITICAL SECTION GHAFAR (FARAH), ADCM RAISED PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE SPECIFICALLY INQUIRING WHETHER PHRASE USED BY POLDIRGEN WAHID KARIM LAST TWO YEARS TO DESCRIBE AFGHAN POLICY STILL VALID: "RGA WILL LEND PEACEFUL SUPPORT TO LEGITIMATE AIMS OF PUSHTUNISTAN PEOPLE AS ENUNCIATED BY THEIR LEADERS (PRIMARILY WALI KHAN)." GHAFAR CONSIDERED MATTER VERY CAREFULLY AND THEN AFFIRMED ACCURACY OF STATEMENT AS REFLECTION AFGHAN POLICY.

2. ADCM MENTIONED THAT HE HAD HEARD TERM PLEBISCITE USED RECENTLY AS GOAL AFGHAN POLICY REGARDING PUSHTUNS IN PAKISTAN AND INQUIRED
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WHETHER THIS IS CURRENT AFGHAN POLICY. GHAFAR REPLIED IN THE

NEGATIVE. (ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE CONTRADICTION IN RESPONSE GIVEN ADCM AS REPORTED REFTEL. THIS CONNECTION, GHAFAR HAS GFSPONSIBILITY WITHIN MFA FOR PAKISTAN AND PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUES.)

3. COMMENTING, GHAFAR CONFIRMED SERIOUSNESS OF CURRENT SITUATION AND PREDICTABLY PAINTED PAKISTAN AS CULPRIT SINCE GOP HAD ARRESTED AND WAS CONTINUING TO ARREST PUSHTUN/BALUCHI LEADERS. THIS HARDLINE VIEW WAS REFLECTED ALSO IN STATEMENT THAT PESHAWAR WAS LOCATED IN PUSHTUNISTAN, NOT IN NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE OF PAKISTAN. GHAFAR WOULD NOT PREDICT FUTURE BUT IMPLIED VERY STRONGLY OUTCOME DEPENDED ON CESSATION PAKISTANI ACTIONS. HE BRUSHED ASIDE ADCM'S REFERENCE TO PAK INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY WITH ROA SAYING DURAND LINE NOT RECOGNIZED BY GOA; THEREFORE, PAKISTANI ACTIONS IN PUSHTUNISTAN WERE NOT IN GOA EYES INTERNAL PAK AFFAIRS.

4. GHAFAR IS RELATIVELY YOUNG MFA OFFICIAL WHO SERVED THREE YEARS AS AFGHAN CONSUL PESHAWAR IN MID/LATE 60S AND WHO WAS MEMBER AFGHAN PARLIAMENT 1969-73.
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